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November 2018

AARA General Meeting ~ October 4, 2018

<u>General</u> Club President Chris Ancelet N5MCY opened at 7:00 PM and conducted the meeting. Club Treasurer Tom Dischler W5OHJ led the group in the opening prayer. Chris led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance after which Sandy Leblanc KE5KJF recited the pledge in Cajun French.

ARRL Louisiana Affiliated Club Coordinater Jim Bookter N5NVP updated the group on the clubs status as both an AARL Affiliated Club and a Special Service Club. He also discussed the ARRL Louisiana Memorial Scholarship program for which the application period is currently open. Information on the scholarship program can be found on the ARRL website at http://www.arrl.org/scholarship-descriptions.

Tom presented his Treasurer's Report to the group. A motion to accept his report was made by Danny Daigle KD5JSM, seconded by Steve Webre AF5VR and approved by the group.

Chris reminded the group that the minutes of last month's General Meeting were published in the LARC. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Al Pringle KE5UPM, seconded by Derek Meche WM5TS and approved by the group.

Tour de Teche Sandy Leblanc reminded the group that the 2018 Tour de Teche canoe race will be held October 5th – 7th. She summarized the various race segments and associated prizes that make up the 3 day race event. All persons manning checkpoints received race information packets and T-shirts. Several club members will be operating Special Event Stations in conjunction with the event. Chris will handle sending out OSL cards for the event.

<u>Veterans Day Special Event</u> Chris updated the group on the club's Veterans Day Special Event to be held November 10th at the Southwest Louisiana Veterans Home in Jennings, LA. Chris polled the group for likely participants and encouraged all club members to attend if possible. He has registered the event with the ARRL and will invite members of the Lake Charles radio club to participate in the event.

EMCOMM Go-Kits David McCutcheon KG5JHR provided an update on the club's EMCOMM Go-Kit project. Both Go-Kits have been completed and were on display for members to see. The kits are nearly identical in configuration and provide full HF/VHF/UHF voice and digital communications in single units that are easily transported by a single individual.

<u>Winlink Presentation</u> Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP gave a presentation on using the Winlink system to send emergency e-mails when traditional internet e-mail service is not available locally. The Winlink system allows radio stations to connect to other radio stations serving as gateways outside the area affected

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AARA GENERAL MEETING

November 1, 2018 @ 7:00 PM

Lafayette Science Museum 433 Jefferson St. Lafayette, LA

www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/

VE Testing @ 6:00 PM

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DATES TO REMEMBER

GENERAL MEETING

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http://www/w5ddl.org/clubsite/ Local 2-Meter Nets

Monday AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM 146.820 PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Region 4 SkyWarn Net 7:00 PM 145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafavette, LA

Wednesday

Silent Key Memorial Net 6:30 PM 145.410 No PL New Iberia, LA Thursday Youth Net 7:00 PM

146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA EchoLink Node: 370324

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by an emergency and exchange e-mails with the traditional internet. The system primarily uses the HF bands to reach regional and distant gateways but can also use the VHF band when internet service is available more locally. Members were encouraged to consider setting up their home stations as VHF gateways to increase the number of VHF gateways in the state. Paul McCasland N5KNY displayed a Pi-Gate gateway he built as an experimental station for the Lafayette Science Museum. The club leadership is considering establishing a VHF gateway at the Duson repeater site. Consideration is also being given to establishing a VHF packet digipeater at the Duson site to provide links other packet gateways and digipeaters in the Baton Rouge and Lake Charles areas. More information on the Winlink system can be found at https://winlink.org/.

Net Participation Chris polled the group for comments on ways to increase the utilization, particularly by newly licensed operators, of the repeaters operated by the club. Multiple ideas were discussed and everyone was encouraged to try and increase their presence on the repeaters.

Additional Fund Raisers Due to the increased costs for conducting the club's annual hamfest, alternative fund raising activities were discussed. Anyone having additional activities to consider are encouraged to contact the club leadership with their comments.

Adjournment A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Steve Webre AF5VR, seconded by Danny Daigle KD5JSM and Chris adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM. There were 23 in attendance.

Prepared by David McCutcheon KG5JHR

Don't forget that Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday November 4, 2018. Turn your clocks <u>back</u> 1 hour.

Thanksgiving Day 2018 Thursday November 22, 2018



THE TABLES ARE FREE AND THE ADMISSION IS FREE.

October 2018



4 October 2018

VE TEST
SESSION

Test Session Results

This evening's test session produced one new Technician, Jared Mayeaux ~ KI5BVA of Youngsville. He studied just enough to get all the correct answers & put them on the paper. At times some people don't quite make it but should not be discouraged as the questions can be daunting. Congrats to Jared who shall return for the next round.

The VEs in attendance for this session were: Greg ~ K5LFT, Galen ~ KF5BET, John ~ W4HVH, Ric ~ KF5KEL & Dave ~ N4ELM.(our expert test reader).

Thanks to all for the wonderful help & see ya"LL next time.

73, de Greg ~ K5LFT



CLARC Hamfest Report

By Herman Campbell KN5GRK

The Central Louisiana Amateur Radio Club held their annual hamfest at Kees Park in Pineville, Louisiana on Saturday October 13, 2018. The turnout was a little on the light side as compared to previous hamfest, but it was a beautiful day for the event, weather was perfect for driving.

According to event chairman Scott Wren KD5DFL, the attendance was counted as 120 persons (may be a little higher as some did not sign in) and 19 tables were sold. Forums went well.

Ramona KG5HNO and I decided to take in the CLARC Hamfest as a celebration of my birthday and four years of Ramona and I meeting each other. It was a great day and both of us enjoyed meeting all our friends at the event (Acadiana Hams were well represented). I did purchase a table, placed a few items to sell and made enough to pay the expenses, Ramona was my salesperson. Ramona and I had a great day and a lot of fun.

Central Louisiana Amateur Radio Club (CLARC) Hamfest main prize winners were:

1st - Icom IC-7300 HF/50 Mhz Transceiver was won by Gary Martin WA5USA of Anacoco, LA

2nd - Icom IC-2730A Dual Band Mobile Transceiver was won by Jessie Tilghman W5JZQ of Leesville, LA

3rd - Wouxun KG-UV8 Handi-Talkie was won by Mike Canady N5GJQ of Dry Prong, LA.

The Greater New Orleans Hamfest

HAMFEST/CONVENTION Saturday November 10, 2018

Location: Harahan Lions Club Building

1001 Hickory Avenue

Harahan, LA

Website: https://www.facebook.com/groups/2044282109131267/

Sponsor: Crescent City Amateur Radio Group

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.82- (PL 114.8)

Public Contact: Joe Glorioso , N5OZG 727 North Atlanta Street Metairie, LA 70003

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We will raffle over 16 radios at the Ham Fest, plus two 32 inch TVs and many other prizes at The Greater New Orleans Ham Fest on Saturday November 10, 2018. at the Harahan Lions Club Building....Located at 1001 Hickory Ave. Harahan Louisiana. Breakfest and lunch will be served.

73 Joe

REGION 4 SKYWARN NET

by Herman Campbell KN5GRK

The Region 4 SKYWARN Net that meets every Tuesday evening at 1900 Central met on October 23, 2018 with some changes in store in conjunction with the Department of Defense (DoD) and MARS. Glen KF5FNP and Chris N5MCY inserted some new tasks as part of our training. It went like this:

1830-1900L N5MCY will announce the net and do radio checks on the 145.370 SKYWARN repeater.

1840-1900L KF5FNP will do radio checks on 60 Meters Ch-4 (dial freq. 5.371.5 USB) or R4 80 Meter Linkup freq of 3.803.0 LSB

1900-1915L Stations should monitor 60 Meters Ch-1 (dial freq 5.330.5 USB) for DoD national broadcast. After the broadcast go here to fill out a reception report:

http://www.dodmars.org/home/60-meter-reception-reportt

1915L – Till The Skywarn/EmComm will reopen on our 2 meter simplex frequency (147.420). NCS will ask for your Parish, if you are on generator or battery power, and the operational status of Sewer Services, Water Utilities, Electrical Power, Academics (are kids going to school), Transportation (Roads, Highways, Bridges open?), Medical Services, Safety of Local Environment, and any other significant variables. If everything is normal just report "all is normal".

I went to 60 meters on the frequency of 5.371.5 MHz at 1746 hrs and made two contacts.

- #1 AAT6ZQ (K5CHC) Louie of Slidell (St. Tammany Parish) @ 1745 hrs central (2247Z), both his and my signal reports were loud and clear.
- #2 AAR6JO (KD5MLD) Mike of Baton Rouge @ 1802 hrs central (2202Z), both signal reports were loud and clear.

I went to the 60 meter frequency of 5.330.5 MHz and copied the two DoD messages from Desert Eagle at 1700 hrs central. The first was poor and noisy, the second was good and readable. I did record both of them. I later filled out the reception report on the DoD/MARS website.

The Region 4 SKYWARN Net started on 1915 hrs central on simplex frequency of 147.420 with NCS Chris N5MCY and Alternate NC Glen KF5FNP. There were 11 check-ins which were: Chris N5MCY, Glen KF5FNP, Herman KN5GRK, Salvation Army K5LSA, Derek WM5TS, David KG5JHR, Danny KD5JSM, Tom W5OHJ, Steve AF5VR, A.J. KF5THS and James K5CNU. The net lasted 50 minutes.

I could hear all the above stations on simplex and all could hear me on my Icom IC-2100 running low power on my Ringo Ranger @ 30 feet.

LOUISIANA ARES SIMULATED EMERGENCY TEST (SET) REPORT Views of Herman Campbell KN5GRK

The SET was held on Saturday October 20, 2018 from 0900 to 1200 Central Time. Scott Wren KD5DFL opened the net on 3878 KHz at 0900 and was taking check-ins. I checked in at 0915, NCS signal was good and readable with background noise. At approximately 0945 the band had almost dropped out. NCS suggested that we move to 40 meters to the frequency of 7.255 MHz which was occupied by the Scouts Jamboree On the Air (JOTA). I could never find the SET NCS nor the Salvation Army SATERN Net which meets at 1000 hrs on 7.265 MHz on Saturday. Band conditions on 40 meters were very bad at this time.

Between 0900 and noon, I monitored the 145.370 SKYWARN repeater for a NCS, non showed up, I threw out my call at intervals and the only persons that answered were Ray KG5QKH who was in and out, James K5CNU and Derek WM5TS.

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Vice President's Message:

As you all know, one of the major tasks assigned to the Vice President is to provide the club with presentations and find presenters on topics of interest to the general membership. It can be on topics of recent interest or topics involving little known aspects of our Amateur Radio hobby. If you have a topic you would like to hear more about or better still, if you want to present a short demonstration or talk about anything related to ham radio, it would be welcome. It should be in the range of 10 to 30 minutes and can use presentation materials or just demo material. If you want someone else to make the presentation, give us the topic and a list of those aspects on the subject you would like covered.

Presentations on Emcom or club events are welcome as well.

We are fortunate to have in our AARA club people knowledgeable about many topics, including projects that did not turn out so well. It is always good to avoid starting out on a project where the results will not be up to expectation. Please email, call, or write up any ideas you may have.

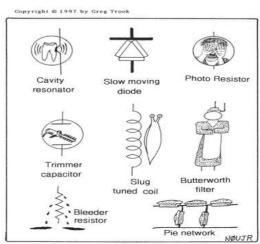
Larry LeBlanc, Vice President, AARA

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Little known standard electronic symbols.

TOUR DU TECHE IX CANOE RACE REPORT October 5 – 7, 2018

The Tour du Teche Canoe Race is 135 mile race from Port Barre, LA, to Berwick, LA. The race has introduced paddlers and eco-tourists to the recreational, cultural and economic value of the bayou for local residents. The three day race with stops in St. Martinville, Franklin, and finishing in Berwick has turned into a paddling marathon as well as a 3 day party for towns along the route with families along the route cheering for the paddlers.

In the past we have had paddlers from Mexico City, Canada, Australia, Thailand, Germany, and others.

The boats range from solo paddler with a single blade paddle; to the Big boats with 3 - 6 paddlers with single or double paddles. This year a boat with 4 paddlers won the 135 mile race in the Big Boat Division in 17:54:04 with an average of 6.03 mph.

Shorter races include: Crawfish – Port Barre to Poche's - 30 miles; Acadian – Port Barre to St. Martinville - 49 miles; Hot Sauce – St. Martinville to New Iberia - 24 miles; Sugar – St. Martinville to Franklin – 59 miles; Black Bear – New Iberia to Franklin – 35 miles; and the Oil and Gas – Franklin to Berwick – 27 miles.

There were events up and down the bayou in conjunction with the race. There was a band and some vendors and a gumbo cook-off in St. Martinville, the Chitimacha tribe had a lot of festivities and food at their check point, and a carnival along with vendors with food, crafts, and clothing at the finish in Berwick.

As we have in the last eight years, the AARA ham club provides communications support for the race. The Command Center (Crawfish Hole) is a mobile trailer that was set up in Port Barre, St. Martinville, Franklin and Berwick. Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD, and Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF are coordinators for the AARA ham club. The club's task include verifying boat numbers and times, and the status of individual paddlers and canoes along the route from Port Barre to Berwick. Along with tracking canoes, the club uses he event to host HF contacts along the route.

The Tour du Teche qualified as a Special Event with the ARRL and was listed in the QST.

Mr. Ray Pellerin along with Larry KE5KJD and Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF would like to thank the members of the AARA who participated in the event. We had 23 participants this year. They were: Glenn Thibodeaux KF5FNP, Dave McCutcheon KG5JHR, Dave Redfern N4ELM, Herman Campbell KN5GRK, Ramona Jobe KG5HNO, Tom Dischler W5OHJ, Paula Romero KF5CNS, Nick Pugh K5QXJ, JoAnn Pugh KE5RPL, Danny Daigle KD5JSM, Kathy Daigle KD5TJZ, Galen Wilson KF5BET, Abbi Wilson KF5BEW, Kendra Wilson KF5FYS, Brandon Stelly KG5LQM, Ric Wallace KF5KEL, Jackie Wallace KF5PCH, from the BEARS in Morgan City Jackie Price KA5LMZ, Rudy Duchan WA5QNH, Deborah Price N5FMI, and from Baton Rouge ElmerTatum N5EKF.

Between Franklin and Berwick is the Calumet Cut. Below the dam on the Berwick side there was a one and ½ mile back up of lily pads. The boaters and their boats had to get out of the water and be transported 4 miles to Hayes Memorial boat launch. Ric and Jackie Wallace got to see first hand how that went.

Again Larry and I would like to thank everyone who participated. We had a good time.

Sandy and Larry LeBlanc

Communications Coordinators

Tour du Teche 135 Race

DON'T FORGET TO CHANGE THE TIME SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4TH AT 0200. FALL BACK 1 HOUR.

Pictures from Tour de Teche XI October 5-7, 2018





Command Center



Father Blessing the Race



St. Martinville Checkpoint



Ray, Norris, and Sandy planning



Rudy and Elmer at Berwick Checkpoint

October 2018 AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
AARA Monday Night Net	5	47		105	KD5JSM Danny
Region 4 SkyWarn Net	5	43		118	N5MCY Chris
Silent Key Memorial Net	5	39		70	KD5JSM Danny
Youth Thursday Night Net	4	25		87	KF5BEW Abbi KF5FYS Kendra

Put your heart, mind, and soul into even your smallest acts. This is the secret of success. ~~~Swami Siyananda

AARA Monday Night 2 Meter Net Rotation

Beginning January 1, 2018, the net will not rotate between repeaters but the Net Controllers will rotate each week and held on 146.820 W5DDL repeater only.

In case of a repeater failure, the alternate receiver will be the W5EXI repeater.

The November 2018 schedule can be downloaded and printed in Adobe Acrobat .PDF from the club website.

http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/news/htm

DATE:	TIME:	REPEATER:	103.5	NCS
11/05/2018	7:00 PM	146.820 W5DDL		Danny KD5JSM
11/12/2018	7:00 PM	146.820 W5DDL		Paul N5KNY
11/19/2018	7:00 PM	146.820 W5DDL		Eric KG5JHP
11/26/2018	7:00 PM	146.820 W5DDL	103.5	Chris N5MCY



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

11/01	KE5RPL	Joann
11/03	K5VSH	Paul
11/03	KG5YYL	Kenneth
11/16	KG5JHR	David
11/30	K5JMR	John
12/08	WB5GAF	Ralph
12/08	KG5PUL	Caine
	<i>NA50</i>	Roland

REGION 4 SKYWARN NET

Each Tuesday night at 7:00 PM (local), the Region 4 SkyWarn Net will take place on the 145.370 SkyWarn repeater in Lafayette. Ne Control Operators will alternate each week.

In case the 145.370 repeater fails, the net will be held on the 146.820 W5DDL repeater PL Tone 103.5.

The November schedule can be found at this link: http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/news/htm

When using the SkyWarn 145.370 repeater, be sure to use the receiver PL Tone for your area as follows:

NW Quadrant 114.8 - NE Quadrant 127.3 - SW Quadrant 141.3 - SE Quadrant 94.8 - Central 103.5.

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.

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Peggy Sue Gerron, ex-K5PSG, SK

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licensed in 2004 as KE5AKW, she later obtained the vanity call K5PSG. Her license expired in 2014, and K5PSG has since been reissued.

Gerron went to high school with Holly and later married The Crickets drummer, Jerry Allison. As rock 'n' roll history has it, Holly originally titled the song "Cindy Lou," but Allison convinced the singer to change the tune's name to "Peggy Sue." In a 2004 interview, Gerron said that story is close to the truth, but not entirely accurate.

After Holly's death in 1959, Gerron toured with The Crickets after the band got back together. Over the years, Gerron made public and media appearances all over the country.

She said her participation in the 2004 W5B special event in Lubbock commemorating Holly helped inspire her Amateur Radio aspirations. "You can do TV specials, and you can be interviewed by the very best DJs," she said, "but there is nothing like the feeling of putting your finger down, and transmitting your call sign, and having somebody answer back."

Now What??? by Joseph "Moe" Meaux K2JDM

How do you run your radio? With POWER! Not a big amplifier, but *electrical power*. You get this from the electrical outlets at your shack or from a portable generator in the field. Maybe you are running mobile in your vehicle and get it from the vehicle's electrical system – the Battery. Maybe you get it from batteries for portable operation.

With on-grid power (the electrical lines furnished by the electrical company), you usually get power on a regular basis, barring "brownouts" or "power outages". So you really don't need to worry about that too much.

However, with battery power you need to figure a way to keep the power up. In a vehicle, you have the charging system which replenishes the electrical power to the battery when the vehicle is running. But if the charging system dies or is disconnected (burnt fuse), you are now relying on what is in the battery. Regardless of what type of battery you have (lead-acid, carbon, lithium-ion, nickel metal hydride, or alkaline), they will need to be recharged if they are rechargeable batteries.

Recharging these batteries may involve plugging them into on-grid electrical power with a wall wart. Or it could be through a solar system that charges all your accessories. For those "exotic" people, maybe its a wind generator that relies on the wind to provide the electrical power.

Either way you get power to your radio, you have to have a source of the power and a way to recharge those batteries. Because **NO POWER – NO RADIO.**

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Share the Fun ~ Bring a Friend to be a HAM.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cajun Cup November 10 **Morning hours**

November 10 All day hours **Veterans Day Special Event**

Christmas Party December ??



DUMPLINGS

Make dumplings from Pioneer, Bisquick, or one of the biscuit companies, according to their recipe. "Fluffy" dumplings will be the "drop-in" spoon type, while "chewy" dumplings will be from adding a little more dumpling mix and rolling out and cutting the dough into small pieces.

I normally use 4 cups of mix, with 1/4 teaspoon of poultry seasoning and 2 teaspoons of dried parsley with 1/3 cup of buttermilk and 1 cup of whole milk.

Make some rice. The broth or stock will thicken in the dumpling CC Website: making process.

From Paul Scallan K5VSH

FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/ vanity call signs: 1-888-225-5322 This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

ulscomm@fcc.gov.

http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/ VEC at 860-594-3000.

http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec

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